

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

October 2009

Christmas Tree Globes to Fill

Last year Gallatin County 4-H represented the State of Montana by designing Christmas globes for the Montana Christmas tree in Washington, DC. It was a great success and we would like to once again fill the 51 plastic globes. New this year: we are doing a centralized theme. We will be decorating cutout shapes of the State of Montana. If any clubs, members or families would like to participate in this venture, please contact the 4-H office at 388-3213. As soon as the cutouts are available, we will contact you to come and pick them up. The globes will be put on display at Murdoch's on November 7th. Please return all decorated ornaments to the 4-H office by November 4th.



Enrollments for the 2009-2010 4-H Year

Enrollment packets are available at the 4-H office for pick up — the deadline to re-enroll without late fees is October 31st. Regular enrollment fees are \$20 per member (max family \$50) plus \$1.00 per project enrolled in, (**not including the leader membership**) - \$5 per leader - \$5 per Cloverbud. Enrollments received after **October 31st** will be charged a \$5 late fee per member/leader. Each additional month after that will be an additional \$5 per month with a maximum of \$15.00 per member or leader. You may pick up your enrollment forms and Clovers at the Gallatin County 4-H office. If you have any questions call us at 388- 3213.

Teen Leadership

The Teen Leadership program is now underway and planning an overnight retreat for teens interested in becoming camp counselors next summer. The retreat will be held in beautiful Paradise Valley south of Livingston at a forest service cabin on October 15-16 (most schools have these two days off for teacher conferences). Join us for 2 days of camp planning sandwiched among hiking, GPS navigation, swimming, fishing and whatever else we can find to get into. Space is limited so please let us know if you are interested in attending as soon as you can. For sign up information, please contact the 4-H extension office at 388-3213. Please visit your teen leadership website at this simple address: www.4hteens.org

Needed - New Council Members

The 4-H Council is a group of volunteers who set the policy and guidelines for 4-H in Gallatin County. The council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on this board, please call the 4-H office at 388-3213. The Unlimited Leaders Council will have various positions open for the 2009-2010 4-H year. Please consider running for one. Come see how you can become a part of this wonderful group of volunteers.

People Partner Grant

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. A \$10,000 grant was received from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to fund People Partner Grants in 2010. For more information about People Partner Grants, contact the 4-H office or look online at www.montana4h.org. The criteria will be the same as it has been in previous years. Deadlines for grant applications will be February 1, 2010.

Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

YOU'RE INVITED - The next meeting will be held on October 13th at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. As always, all 4-H members, leaders and families are invited to attend these meetings.



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Beef

There will be a beef selection workshop to be held on October 18th at 2:00 pm at Storey Hereford Ranch. Call Chuck at 580-8255 for directions and answers to your questions.

Dog Agility - Attention! Attention!

We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30pm at the Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds in Bozeman, Livestock Building #1. Session 1 will end on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. We will pick up again with Session 2 on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, again at 4:30pm, Livestock Building #1. Session 2 will end on March 9, 2010. Session 3 will start Tuesday, March 23, 2010, again at 4:30pm in Livestock Building #1 and will continue until Fair in July.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Anne Dixon at either 406.209.4997 or email: dixonanne@hotmail.com, put 4H Agility in the subject line.

Felting

Our next meeting will be the third Friday night at 7pm at Valley Bank of Belgrade. The meeting date for October is the 16th. You will need to attend 3 meetings to exhibit at the fair. For more information contact Sandra at 388-6906 or sandra.fiegi@gmail.com.

Horse

The horse committee meetings will be the 1st Wednesday of the month. We will meet on November 4th at 6:00 pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade.

Teens - we are looking for teens who would be interested in being a junior leader for the Horse Committee. If you are interested, please submit a letter to the 4-H office by September 30th stating your desire to become part of the Horse Committee.

Adults - we are also looking for adults to join the Horse Committee. We have a few committee members whose terms are complete and we need to replace their positions. If you are interested in becoming a part of this committee, please submit a letter of interest to the 4-H office by September 30th.

IMPORTANT!!! - Mandatory Meeting Requirement

The Horse Committee will be holding mandatory meetings for all horse project members. There is a new horse helmet policy that requires participants in the 4-H Horse Project to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). Every Horse Project member must attend one of these meeting this year. You will not be allowed to participate in any riding workshops until you have attending this workshop. Space is limited, so make sure you RSVP as soon as possible. Pizza will be provided by the Horse Committee. **RSVP to Renae at 579-1720.** Parents are encouraged to attend and **are required** to sign the Montana State University Extension permission and assumption of risk for participation in all 4-H Horse Projects form. These are the dates for the mandatory meetings. Please plan on attending one of them:

- November 19 at 6:00 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade, RSVP by November 6th
- January 14, 2010 at 6:00 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade, RSVP by December 31st

NEW! Horseless Horse Club

A new club is being formed in collaboration with Eagle Mount - for youth who want to learn about horses and ride them, but do not have a horse. A major focus of this new club will be on leadership and team-building skills as youth with varying physical and mental abilities work together to learn about horses, horse care, and riding. The club plans to have an organizational meeting once a month. The first meeting will be at Eagle Mount on November 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm. Additionally, members will meet as smaller teams twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to learn about horses and take care of the horses in Eagle Mount's barn. One parent from each family is required to enroll as a volunteer in order for their youth to be a part of this club. Volunteers will play a strong role in developing and supporting this horseless horse club. If possible, please enroll your youth in this club prior to the Nov 2nd meeting. Call the 4-H office if you have any questions at 388-3213 or call Maggee Harrison, the Equestrian Program Director at Eagle Mount, at 586-1781.



Manhattan Tater Gems

October meeting will be 26th, in the Manhattan High School Activities Room.

Photography

The first meeting for photography will be held October 10 at 1:30pm. It will be held at the Anderson residence at 25971 Norris Rd. (see directions below). Please bring any type camera, film or digital, and lots and lots of film or memory! We will be taking pictures of fall leaves and barns and great scenery!! If you have any questions please call Kathy 581-8763.

From Bozeman: Take Huffine west to 4-corners. Go through stop light at 4-corners. From Belgrade: Take Jackrabbit south to 4 corners. Turn right at stop light at 4-corners. Now continue 3 miles west on Norris Rd. The Andersons are at the bottom of the hill on the right side across the road from the little white schoolhouse. See you there!!

Poultry

Meetings will be the 1st Thursday of the month, next meeting will be November 5th at 7:00 pm at the Valley Bank of Belgrade.

Quilting

We will meet on the second Saturday of the month - October 10 at Valley Bank of Belgrade from 9am to 4pm. You don't have to spend the whole day. You will need to attend 3 meetings to exhibit at the fair. For more information contact Sandra at 388-6906 or sandra.fiegi@qmail.com.

Rabbits

We welcome a new project leader this year. Jill Hunziker will be directing the rabbit project. You can contact Jill at 388-6760. Jill will be contacting all families enrolled in the rabbit project to coordinate dates for the following meetings. These are the topics for the meetings:

November: Discuss breeds of rabbits, where to find them, cages, food, prepare for winter care, and vet

checks.

December: Showmanship - how to handle, basic showmanship techniques

January: Visit from a vet - rabbit diseases, what to look for, how to care, Wild West Winterfest preparations

February: Wild West Winterfest

March: Tour a rabbitry April: Practice showmanship

May: Judging - what do the judges look for, techniques, how to present yourself

June: Get ready for Fair

July: Fair

Shooting Sports - Instructors (active & retired) & Parents

There will be a meeting Monday, October 12th at 6:00 pm at Yellowstone Gateway Sports for shooting sports instructors (both active and retired) and parents who are interested in the shooting sports program. We need to form a committee to address the direction of the program and the State Tournament. If you have guestions, call Bill Ott at 209-2599.

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Robotics

Prepare to burn some volts and amps as you learn to build and program your robot to perform fun and exciting challenges! Once again we are offering two levels to choose from and even some possibilities for our third year robot builders:

First year robotics. New to Technic Legos and programming? This is the class for you! We will teach you everything you need to know to become a real "bot builder". We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 on October 22, November 5, November 19, December 10, January 7, January 21, February 18, March 4. Both 1st year and 2nd year will meet together on April 1st, 8th, 15th, 23rd, 29th.

Second year robotics. Sign up for this class if you participated in either our *first* or *second* year robot program last year with all new challenges built up around the brand new NXT-G 2.0 software that includes graphing and data recording. We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School from 6:30-8:00 on October 29, November 12, December 3, December 17, January 14, January 28, February 25, March 11. Both 1st year and 2nd year will meet together on April 1st, 8th, 15th, 23rd, 29th.

Third year robotics? Although I am all out of Thursdays for a formal class, you are welcome to join the second year robotics with all new challenges AND learn how to teach robotics! Please attend our meeting on October 29 so we can decide a meeting time that is best for everyone.

For up-to-date progress of our robotics program and a copy of this schedule, please visit our robotics web site at www.gallatin4Hrobotics.org.

SHEEP NEWS!!!!!

Your leaders are just getting started in putting together workshops for the new year. If you have any great ideas, please give one of us a call. We would like to get started right after the New Year. Anne Lambrecht won the State Fair in Great Falls with her big blue lamb. "GREAT JOB ANNE". Remember anyone thinking of join the lamb project you only need to own your lamb for 60 days from tagging date. You do not need a very big space, and the cost is rather low to finish them. We will also help you find lambs to purchase. Call Sally, Nancy or Lisa if you have any questions.

Sport Fishing

We welcome a new project leader this year. John Hunziker will be directing the sport fishing project. You can contact John at 388-6760. John will be contacting all families enrolled in the sport fishing project to coordinate dates for the following meetings. These are the topics for the meetings:

November: Intro to fly fishing, fly casting instruction and practice

December: Fin & Feathers will teach a fly tying class from 7:00-9:00, date to be determined

January: Classroom studies or fly casting if the weather is nice enough

February: No meeting planned at this time March: No meeting planned at this time April: Fly fishing at the Hunziker's ponds

May: Fly fishing

June or July: Float trip

Vet Science

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 pm. Wear warm clothing, we will be outside. Call Sue for location and details at Double Diamond Vet Hospital 522-9491.



The following positions are open on the Montana 4-H State Livestock Committee:

Looking for 2 teens from District 6 to be on the Montana 4-H State Livestock Committee. Terms will be 3 years beginning and ending in January. Applications will be accepted through December 1st. Major responsibilities include Animal Quality Assurance Programs, the Advanced Market Beef Project, Livestock Leaders Forum (could be held in combination with the State 4-H Horse Leaders Forum), Updating or Adding Curriculum, and policy decisions. If interested, please pick up your application at the 4-H office.

BLAZING TRAILS TO NEW MEXICO

Western Region Leaders' Forum: Albuquerque, NM - March 11 - 14, 2010

New Mexico looks forward to being your host for the **2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum** (WRLF) in Albuquerque, March 11-14. All 4-H leaders, teens and staff from the 13 western states, 2 Canadian provinces and the Pacific Territories are invited. The event is capped at 400 participants, so don't delay in registering. The full-time registration includes Thursday evening appetizers and 4 meals, hospitality room, workshops, speakers, commercial exhibits, entertainment and activities. On Friday and Saturday there will be 64 workshops on a diverse range of topics. **Official Conference Website:** http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/. Information regarding Registration, Hotel, Schedule, Tours and Workshops is located at the official website. Registration is available online. Deadlines: Early Bird (postmarked by December 15, 2009) \$200.00, Regular (postmarked by January 15, 2010) \$250.00.

National 4-H Conference - March 20-25, 2010

Plans are underway for National 4-H Conference to be held March 20 – March 25, 2010 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington DC. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action. Montana will send a delegation of up to 4 participants. Youth Delegate: Must be 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2010 and not a High School senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend. Complete the application and return to the 4-H Center by November 15th. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and delegates will be selected. Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependant on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1400 total cost per participant. If interested, please pick up your application at the 4-H office.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CFW)

Go to Washington, D.C. for a week in June to experience our nation's capital, meet your legislators and meet 4-Hers from around the country. During this week-long trip, delegates have the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian and the National monuments as well as visit with Montana Senators and Representatives. Montana delegates travel as a group with two adult chaperones. Citizenship Washington Focus (CFW) 2010 dates are set: June 12-19. Application materials are available at the Extension Office or on the web at www.montana4h.org. Application for both delegates and chaperones is due February 1, 2010. The Susan K. Dufner scholarship is available to one delegate age 17+. NOTE: Montana delegates must at least 15 to attend (CWF website states 14).

International Programs

Outbound Opportunities for 2010: *Summer* - Australia (June 16-July 15), Costa Rica (June 19-July 17), Japan (June 10 or July 7-August 5) and Norway (July 1-August 2). *IFYE* – call the Montana 4-H Center (994-3502) to find out which countries are available. All Outbound applications are due January 15, 2010 and materials are available on the web at www.montana4h.org. Contact **Stephanie Davison at** 994-3502 if you have any questions.

Alberta 4-H Leaders Conference: January 8 - 10, 2010

Plans are underway for the 68th Annual Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference 2010. Once again, Montana 4-H has been invited to send up to 8 adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference. Application forms are due to the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development by October 15, 2009 (in the center by not postmarked by). If you are interested in attending, please contact the 4-H office for an application form.



2009 Gallatin County 4-H Project Awards

Project awards are divided into three categories. Beginning Awards are received by 9 and 10 year olds, Junior Awards are for 11-13 year olds, and Senior Awards are given to members 14 and up.

ART - Beginning Award: Jolena Grevious, Taylor Veltkamp, Junior Award: Mariah Harvey, Amanda Swanson

BEEF - Beginning Award: Avery Bates, Trista Bates, Jolena Grevious, Taylor Veltkamp, Senior Award: DJ Alexander, Beef Marketing & Promotion: Jolena Grevious,

BREEDING BEEF - Junior Award: Kyle Frye, Randy Frye

CLOVERBUD - Honorable Mention: Gideon Cuelho, Amy Grevious, Kyle Grevious, Audrey Miller, Rachel Pena, Tori Reynolds, Brie Russell

CHILD DEVELOPMENT - Junior Award: Kayden Schaff

CLOTHING - Beginning Award: Jolena Grevious, Junior Award: Kayla Hutton, Honorable Mention: Madison McLaughlin, Ashlyn VanDyken

DISCOVERING 4-H - Beginning Award: J.T. Hansen, Sawyer Thomas, Junior Award: Kirby Thomas

DOG - Beginning Award: JoLyn Balcom, Meghan McGinley, Aidan Morton, Junior Award: Emily Gordon, Senior Award: Blu Cuelho

FOODS - Beginning Award: Stephen Cantalupo, Hadassah Cuelho, Jolena Grevious, Aidan Morton, Junior Award: Allie Dove, Mariah Harvey, Honorable Mention: Madison McLaughlin

HOME ENVIRONMENT - Junior Award: Amanda Swanson

HORSE - Junior Award: Emily Moran, Senior Award: Mikaela Hofer, Delena Maney, Tana Pena, Jessiane Wright

LEADERSHIP - Senior Award: Sammie Cheney, Codi Francis

LEATHERCRAFT - Beginning Award: Colter Barney, Cody Hess

PHOTOGRAPHY - Junior Award: Nicki Dayton, Amanda Swanson, Senior Award: Codi Francis

POULTRY - Senior Award: Emma Treut **RABBIT** - Beginning Award: J.T. Hansen

ROBOTICS - Beginning Award: Cody Hess, Honorable Mention: Spencer Gordon, Junior Award: Ezra Cuelho, Ira Cuelho, Senior Award: Beker Cuelho, Tucker Thomas, Outstanding Robotic Assistants: Meghan Dayton, Honorable Mention: Maegan Miller

SHEEP - Beginning Award: Logan Thompson, Honorable Mention: Joshua Thompson, Junior Award: Taylor Hiester, Corbin Surber, Honorable Mention: Bryce Butterfield, Maegan Miller, Senior Award: Tanner Butterfield, Carlee Smith, Honorable Mention: Adlen Lambrecht, Anne Lambrecht

SHOOTING SPORTS - Archery: Junior-Devin Stickley, Cowboy Action: Junior-Barry Francis

SWINE - Beginning Award: Meghan McGinley, Honorable Mention: Wesley Russell, Junior Award: Krista Callantine, Senior Award: Katelyn Farrier, Honorable Mention: Ashley Thompson, Best Pig Chaser: Wesley Russell

WOOD WORKING - Junior Award: Hanoch Cuelho, Kayden Schaff, Senior Award: Beker Cuelho

VET SCIENCE - Junior Award: Emily Gordon

AMBASSADOR RECOGNITION - Outstanding Past Ambassador: Sammie Cheney, Outstanding Senior Ambassador: Valerie Kutsch, Outstanding Junior Ambassador: Samantha Poelstra

OUTSTANDING TEAM BUILDING & LEADERSHIP AWARD - Courageous Clovers Teen Leaders: Sammie Cheney, Sydney Heckel, Khetri Johnson, Valerie Kutsch

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR - Mariah Harvey

GREAT ATTITUDE - Taylor Veltkamp

BEST HUGS AWARD - Amy Grevious

BEST US OF HEARTS & HANDS AWARD - Clare Cory

ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD - Nate Powell-Palm



2009 Gallatin County Special Recognition Awards

Partner In 4-H Award: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

Friends of 4-H Award: Tony & Lois Garibaldi

Community Service Club Award: Manhattan Clever Clovers
Reviving the Teen Leadership Project Award: Gregg Switzer
Outstanding 4-H Foundation Board Member: Betsy Heckel
Outstanding 4-H Leaders Council Member Award: Renae Cline

Outstanding 4-H Club Leader Award: Ginny Francis
Outstanding 4-H Project Leader Award: Amber Bates
Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award: Dr. Holly Hunts

Lifetime 4-H Achievement Award: Bill Ott

Gallatin County 4-H Leader of the Year Award: Brenda Townsend

The Harris and Elizabeth Kirk Outstanding 4-H Club Member of the Year Award: Jessianne Wright

The Harris and Elizabeth Kirk Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year Award: Barry Francis

Thank You!!! Thank You!!! Thank You!!!

Awards Night would not have happened without a hardworking, dedicated group of 8 volunteers who read through dozens of record books and nomination forms. HUGE THANKYOUS to those volunteers! Many other volunteers, mostly Club and Project Leaders read through their members' record books, made comments, and signed off on "completeness". Thank you to you also! Our 4-H Ambassadors, Valerie Kutsch and Samantha Poelstra, set up for our evening event — creatively overcoming a few challenges that came up along the way! Thanks to all of you, we had a fun and rewarding Awards Night.

Nathan Human Propulsion Laboratories donated 90 of their wonderful reusable stainless steel drink bottles which were distributed to award winners at our Awards Night. We hope you enjoy them! If you already love yours...please write to them and thank them for supporting our 4-H program:

Penguin Brands, Inc. Ellen Cassidy Communications Manager 2009 Elmwood Ave. Sharon Hill, PA 19079



or <u>ecassidy@penguinbrands.com</u>

A message from Nathan: "Proper hydration is critical for a healthy lifestyle. Nathan Performance Gear's stainless steel bottles are BPA-free, dishwasher safe, made with 18/8 stainless steel, and contain no lining. Best of all, using a Nathan reusable bottle cuts down on the 38 billion disposable bottles that end up in landfills each year. Good for you, and good for the environment. Learn more at www.NathanSports.com."

Leftover Record Books & Awards

Help! Our office is overflowing with records books, certificates and awards. If you were unable to attend the awards banquet and you turned in your record book to our office, please come to the office and pick it up. If you see your name mentioned and did not receive your award certificate, please stop by and pick it up.



Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat

Gallatin Valley Food Bank has invited 4-H clubs and members to participate in a countywide community service event. Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat is simply a canned food drive with all donations directly benefiting individuals and families in need in Gallatin County.

Here's how it works: Register your 4-H Club with the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and they will send you a starter kit that includes door hangers, fliers, and thank you notes. On October 31st, wear your costume, go door-to-door and collect donated canned and other non-perishable food items! Contact lori@gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org or call 586.7600 for more information.

Be sure to take a photograph of your club in costume collecting food for our 4-H newsletter in November and let us know in the 4-H Office how many pounds of food items you collected. These will count toward your total for the 4-H Food Drive Challenge described below.

Food Bank Challenge

Last year the Rockin' Roosters 4-H Club challenged all other clubs and 4-H members and families to participate in a food drive for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. The Rockin' Roosters and the 4-H office are still working out the all the details for this. If your club is planning on doing a food drive, please consider waiting until next month's newsletter to see if you would like to take the challenge to be the club or 4-H member with the most food collected. More details to come.

7th Annual Montana Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest

How would you like the opportunity to win part of \$1500 in cash prizes just by talking? The Montana Farm Bureau Foundation is happy to announce the 7th Annual MFB Foundation Speech Contest. All you have to do is write a speech on the topic:

"How can we create a better understanding with the general public about the important job our agriculture producers provide by raising safe and abundant food and fiber for America?"

This contest is open to all youth. Visit the Montana Farm Bureau Foundation website at www.mfbf.org for registration information. Prizes are awarded in two divisions. The speeches are given at the MFBF Annual convention in Missoula on November 8.

Reporting Community Service

You can earn recognition Nationwide by going to http://serve.gov/ to post your local community service activities. At the National Service and Volunteer conference this summer the challenge from President Obama was to encourage everyone serving in their communities to share their story. Others sharing their personal stories of serving were Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and California's First Lady Marie Shriver, First Lady Michele Obama, Actor Matthew McConaughey, and John Bon Jovi. It is very simple and easy to post the results of the many service activities taking part in your local communities. There are also Tool Kits related to different topics like Organizing a Book Drive, Clothing Drive, etc. that you can click on for planning future projects. This is not to add to your already full plate. Anyone can go to this site to post service activities if they have access to a computer.

Halloween Horse Show

The Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club (GSHC) is sponsoring a Halloween Horse Show on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The public is welcome to be a spectator or bring their horses down and signup for the classes. Signup is begins at 8:00 a.m. Classes include harness, trail, costume, games, lead line (8 yrs. & under), English and Western pleasure, and equitation. Don't forget costumes accepted in all classes for this show (as long as they are safe). Class fees are \$20 for non-club members for the day and \$15 for members. No charge for spectators. Prizes will be tack and candy. Ribbons will be awarded. There will be two judges for each class. Call 587-9305 or 586-2885 for class information and lists. Visit www.gallatinsaddleandharnessclub.com for updated information.



Calling all Cloverbuds and Cloverbud Volunteers, Parents, Potential Leaders!

We currently do not have Leaders for our Cloverbuds Club. If you are interested in helping organize and lead a group for Cloverbuds (6-8year olds) and/or have youth who would like to be a part of such a group, please contact us. We will compile a list in our office of all those who are interested and then call a meeting for all of you in November to see what we can come up with. Email at gallatin1@montana.edu or call us at 388-3213 to get your name on the list.

Volunteers: Some of you were long-time 4-Hers who want to give back to the program that gave you so much when you were younger. Some of you have already been volunteering with 4-H for many years and would like to try something new. And some of you are new to 4-H altogether. We are excited about including new volunteers in our program and supporting our long-time volunteers in their interest to explore a new volunteer venue. We will try to provide you with training and resources you need to make your volunteer experience with 4-H positive for you and our youth!

We have a list of volunteer needs particularly in the following areas:

- Help with our Family Orientation Nights (Oct 26, 27, 28)
- Help start up a new Horseless Horse 4-H Club at Eagle Mount (first Club meeting will be Nov. 2nd)
- **Help** with volunteer training and youth officer training (Nov 5 and 16)
- Help with shooting sports projects and events on Sunday evenings starting Nov. 22 through Mar. 7
- Help with the State Shoot on March 5-7, 2010
- Help with our new Teen Leadership program work with teens to prepare for summer camp, teen retreats, etc.
- Help with Operation Military Kids a positive youth development partnership between military families and 4-H
- **Help** with new Cloverbud programming and events
- We need Project Leaders for these areas in particular: Arts and Crafts, Child Development/Home Environment, Cloverbuds, Entomology, Entrepreneurial, Horticulture/Gardening, Pocket Pets, Skateboarding, Small Engines, Theater, Wildlife/Hiking/Outdoor Adventure, and Woodworking
- Help with the Horse projects and with Robotics as well
- and many, many more opportunities!!!

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact me. I will send you a volunteer application form for you to fill out and together we can find out where you'd fit best with your interests and our needs!

Thank you, Danica Jamison, 4-H Agent, Contact by phone at 388-3213 or by email at diamison@montana.edu

Volunteers/Leaders/Youth Officers Training Night

As many of you know, volunteers and leaders are completing new forms this year. Providing training is part of the contract between the Extension Office and volunteers. We are pleased to offer you several new opportunities for training this fall and winter. If you cannot attend one of the following group training sessions, please contact our office to schedule one-on-one training with the Extension Agent. The training will be more fun as a group so we hope to see all of you at the November training nights!

Free Dinner and Dessert! Fun Icebreakers!

For Youth Officers: "The Treasure Hunt for Success" – a fun, interactive training session in which you get to hone your skills as an officer as pirates, captains, and other characters.

For Adult Volunteers and Leaders:

- 1. Volunteer appreciation exchange
- 2. Learn about the "8 Key Elements of Positive Youth Development"
- 3. Learn about new 4-H curriculum
- 4. Q&A about the 4-H Foundation and financial support
- 5. Q&A about new volunteer application forms and trainings

Please attend 1 of two sessions if you are enrolled as a volunteer, Club and/or Project Leader, or have been elected to be a Youth Officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Historian, Reporter). Youth Officers will receive separate training from adult volunteers and Leaders but it will be in the same building! Choose between Thurs, Nov 5th and Mon, Nov 16th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. **Please RSVP by November 2nd by calling the Extension Office at 388-3213.**

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4-H Family Orientation Night

If you and your family are new to 4-H or have only been involved in 4-H for one or two years, this fun, interactive training event is for YOU!

Free Pizza and Ice Cream Sundaes! Fun, Get-To-Know-Each-Other Icebreakers!

A Short Presentation about Extension and 4-H!

Six Interactive Ten-Minute Stations! Explore the Following:

- 1. New Projects Station: Learn about the newest projects offered in Gallatin County 4-H
- 2. Favorite Projects Station: Learn about projects you haven't tried yet
- 3. **Record Book Station:** What is a record book? As a group, you'll fill out a giant sample record book.
- 4. **Demonstration Station:** Watch a 4-Her give a demonstration and YOU be the judge. Learn what judges are looking for and how to give a good demonstration.
- 5. **Teen Leadership & Summer Camp:** Learn about leadership skill development and the role of teen camp counselors
- 6. **Fair & Awards Station:** What is Fair, How do you participate? Learn all about it. Learn about Awards Night and how to earn awards for your 4-H project!

Don't miss out...we hope to see you there! Please attend 1 of the following sessions. Choose between Mon, Tues, or Wed, October 26, 27, 28th from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. **Please RSVP by Fri, October 23rd by calling the Extension Office at 388-3213.**

Bar J Wranglers in Concert - Save the Date

Gallatin County 4-H will be hosting the Bar J Wrangles on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Willson Auditorium in Bozeman. The doors will open at 6:00 pm and the show will start at 7:00 pm. The general admission tickets will be available on Friday, November 20, 2009 at the following ticket outlets; Lee & Dads IGA in Belgrade and Murdoch's in Bozeman. General admission tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Reserve tickets will be sold at Murdoch's and are \$20.00 in advance. They will be \$25.00 at the door.

